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Special section announcement

The Wabash Plain Dealer is publishing a special series each Wednesday until April 6 in collaboration with our regional news group. See pages A6 and A7 for the first part of our five-part series looking into overdoses and substance use disorder. The goal of the section is to increase collaboration to reduce fatal overdoses and drug dependency in north central Indiana. Thank you for your continued support.

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Salamonie 'Tweens Among the Trees' Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The

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Two major developments announced for Arc Light Business Park

Millions being invested could lead to over 120 new jobs

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Business developments on the north side of the city that had been in the works for months has now come to fruition.

Bionutrients

Hello Nature, "a global leader in organic fertil-

izers, biostimulants and microbials," has partnered with sixth-generation Indiana business MPS Egg Farms to form a joint venture that will make a nearly \$50 million investment in Wabash to construct and operate a specialty fertilizer manufacturing facility, said Grow Wabash County project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse, on Monday, Feb. 28.

The joint venture, Bionutrients, "will combine high-quality raw materials and cutting-edge technologies."

Bionutrients will employ 46 people and construct two facilities totaling nearly 300,000 square feet to be built at 1555 Manchester Ave.

This facility "will expand Hello Nature's Indiana presence and complements its two facilities in Anderson."

"By expanding our offerings into Indiana's growing organic farming sector and supporting a sixth-genera-

tion, Hoosier-owned business, we couldn't be more excited to join this partnership," said Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) executive vice president of global investments Ann Lathrop. "As we work to sustain our local communities, we continue building on our strengths of manufacturing and agribusiness, which allows us to connect locally, regionally and globally. Hello Nature's investment in Wabash

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Local leaders condemn Russian invasion of Ukraine

Holcomb signs executive order, takes aim at the state's financial ties to Russia

By ROB BURGESS
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Both here in Indiana, and in Washington, D.C. local, state and federal leaders condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

On Monday, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed Executive Order 22-08 as a response to Russia's "unjust invasion."

"I stand with the people of Ukraine as they face the tyranny of Putin and his unprovoked invasion. We must hold Putin accountable for his actions and support Ukraine in any way we can. Indiana joins the world as we pray for the people of Ukraine," said Holcomb. "As a state, we will do our part to try to prevent the further indiscriminate killing of Ukrainian civilian men, women and

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St. Patrick's Day-themed bar crawl featured at March's First Friday



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Guests may visit downtown Wabash for March's First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 4.

The monthly event also features shopping, dining, more

STAFF REPORT

Guests may visit downtown Wabash for March's First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 4, according to Downtown Wabash public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

Ellis said the event will

feature local businesses and "their St. Patrick's Day-inspired specials, shopping, dining and fun activities throughout the district."

The debut Micro-Event, Leprechaun-Con Bar Crawl, will feature 2Toms Brewing Co. from Fort Wayne at the Downtown Wabash office,

Eagles Theatre, Charley Creek Inn Wine & Cheese Bar, Gallery 64, JoJo's Olfactory & Co., Moose Lodge 1195, Ash & Elm at the Wabash County Museum and Market Street Grill.

Each location will offer a different special for the bar crawl participants.

Bar crawlers must be at least 21 years old to participate.

To order a Leprechaun-Con Bar Crawl T-shirt with a complementary 2Toms Key Lime Pie Mallowsoop beer, visit DowntownWabash.org/events/marchs-first-friday.

Local DAR chapter names Gabriel Case, of MHS, Good Citizen Award winner

Case competed with Anna Cole, of WHS, for a chance to move on to state

By ROB BURGESS
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Wabash High School (WHS) and Manchester (MHS) seniors recently competed for the Good Citizen Award given by the Francis Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), said regent Barbara

Amiss. Amiss said the students were selected by school faculty and their high school peers to compete for the award.

The students – Gabriel Ellsworth Case, of MHS, and Anne Marie Cole, of WHS – wrote themes on the subject, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It."

ability for Preserving It." The focus question was, "How do the qualities of a good citizen – dependability, service, leadership and

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Read the themes both students wrote for the competition.

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Applications open for Manley Music Scholarship

STAFF REPORT

The Manley Scholarship was established in 1998 by the estate of Olive Manley, a local Wabash resident, to encourage and promote music among Wabash High School (WHS) graduates pursuing a career in music, according to Minda Lehman of the Manley Scholarship Committee.

Any person who is attending or has graduated from WHS, and is enrolled or

intends to enroll in a post-high school educational institution to pursue a career in music – music composition, music technology, music performance, musical theater, music therapy – or music education, dance or dance education, is eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Manley Music Scholarship Trust.

Scholarships are for one year, and recipients may re-apply annually for a max-

imum of four years.

Applications are due by Tuesday, March 15 and must include the original grade transcript and a letter of reference.

Applications may be submitted by mail to WHS, c/o Guidance Office-scholarship application, 580 N Miami St, Wabash IN 46992, re: Manley Music Scholarship.

For more information, visit the WHS guidance officer or wbs.apaches.k12.in.us.

Dr. Alyssa Richter to speak at MSD Awards Banquet

Seniors who maintained a grade point average of A-, or better, will be honored

STAFF REPORT

MSD will hold its 33rd Academic Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at the Honeywell Center Legacy Hall, 275 W. Market St., according to a press release.

Seniors who maintained a grade point average of A-, or better, for their high school career will be honored.

This year's guest speaker is Dr. Alyssa Richter.

Richter attended Northfield High School and graduated

valedictorian in 2013. Richter then attended Ohio Wesleyan University, where she was a four-year member



RICHTER

of the women's varsity soccer team and was involved in Delta Delta Delta Sorority and Athletes in Action.

Richter was named one of the university's top 50 student-athletes for three years, served as the philanthropy chair and vice president of her sorority, published research, and was on the leadership team for Athletes in Action. She was inducted into multiple honor societies, including Phi Beta Kap-

pa. Dr. Richter was named the science woman of the year and graduated magna cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan in 2017.

Richter then continued her education at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, pursuing her doctorate in veterinary medicine. While there, she received the Arthur D. Marosi Surgery Award and the American Association and Veterinary Dermatology Award. In May 2021, Dr. Richter graduated from Michigan State University with her DVM. Following graduation, Richter moved back to Wabash County and began working at Cornerstone Veterinary Services in June 2021.

director Ware Wimberly said because Wabash County when the advisory level drops below red, "we make masks optional for both staff and library patrons at all times."

Wimberly said when the county is at a red level, all library programming is done with take-home kits or virtually. If the level is below red, as is now, they will resume indoor programming with optional masks for participants and staff.

"Regardless of the level, we do have masks available for library customers at all times," said Wimberly.

"We do offer curbside service upon request for patrons. The library also provides many digital resources such as Hoopla and Overdrive library customers can access online with a library card."

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the ISDH announced changes to its COVID-19 data dashboard to better reflect the current state of the pandemic and a shift in school reporting requirements.

The unique individual positivity rate and unique indi-

viduals tested fields will be removed from the dashboard at www.coronavirus.in.gov.

In addition, a new Indiana youth COVID-19 dashboard, reflecting cases, hospitalizations and vaccinations in Hoosiers ages 0 to 19, will be published.

This dashboard will replace the current school dashboard effective Monday, Feb. 28.

State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, said the changes reflect the evolution of the pandemic, the availability of home test kits and recent updates to school guidance.

Box said schools are no longer required to report cases to the state health department, making the current school dashboard obsolete.

Hoosiers in need of COVID-19 testing can find a site at www.coronavirus.in.gov. Individuals seeking a COVID-19 vaccine can visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to find a location.

For more information, visit www.health.in.gov.

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Council. "In service to the community, he helps with the COVID-19 food distribution, Wabash River Cleanup, Ninja Community Fundraiser, tutoring and mentoring," said Amis.

Case said he wanted to study engineering, but was "unsure about which direction, maybe designs for the American Ninja Warrior competitions."

Case said he "has made efforts to display patriotism by educating myself about American history, taking AP US History to further that end."

"It all boils down to the golden rule; my life has benefited from the actions and interactions from and with patriots, and so I want to do the same for future generations," said Case.

Anne Marie Cole

Anne Marie Cole is the daughter of Rod and Sarah Cole, of Wabash.

Cole said at WHS she is "very accomplished" on the golf team, with four years on the varsity team, two years team captain, two years Most Improved, one year Most Valuable Player, Mental Attitude award, all-conference for two years, 2019 conference and sectional winner, a regional qualifier for three years, Academic All-state honorable mention one year and Academic All-Confer-

ence for two years.

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Cole has played four years on the varsity tennis team, achieving All-Conference, mental attitude, most wins and Academic All-Confer-

ence.

Cole is a four-year Student Council member and SADD member and has attended leadership conferences for NXTGEN and HOBY.

Cole has participated in Apaches in Action, National Honor Society for three years, Academic Letter for two years, Scholar-Athlete for four years, Red Cross Blood Drive, Key Club for three years, Book Club, Academic Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Prom Planning Committee and Symphonic Voices.

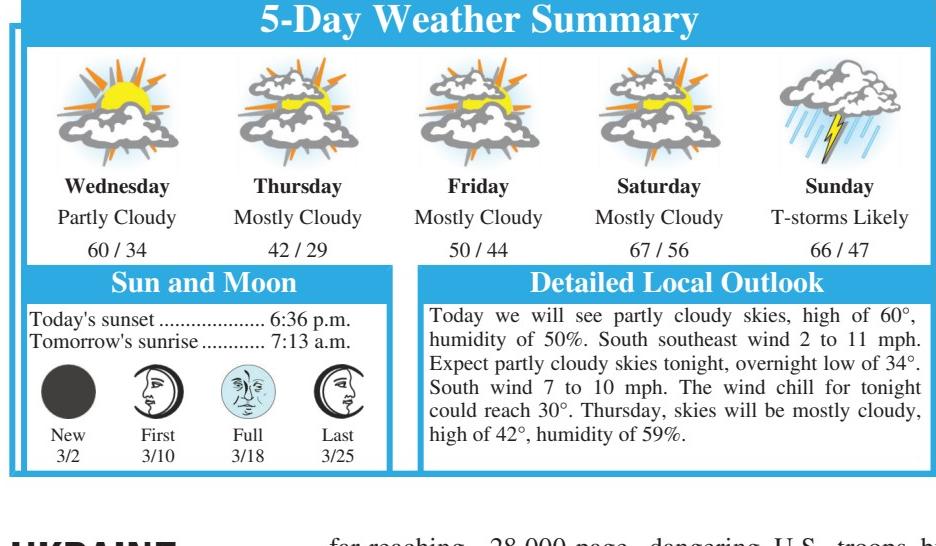
Cole's extracurricular activities include Saint Bernard's Church Youth Group, FISH Food Pantry, Wabash Lagro Bike Trial, Salvation Army, Blessings in a Backpack, Thanksgiving food baskets, piano lessons for 11 years, Visual Performing Arts, Wabash Area Community Theatre for four years and being employed at Honeywell Golf Course.

Cole plans to study mathematics and sciences at a four-year university.

"Her biggest goal in life is to help others through whatever career path she decides to follow," said Amis.

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UKRAINE

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children. I encourage Indiana residents to support the humanitarian efforts for Ukraine through their local communities, religious organizations and non-profits and show our true Hoosier spirit."

Holcomb issued an executive order "taking specific actions to show a commitment for the citizens of Ukraine and condemnation of the Russian government," said press secretary Erin Murphy.

The Indiana Department of Administration will review all state contracts that involve Russian-owned or Russian-affiliated companies.

The Indiana Public Retirement System will evaluate investments into the state retirement accounts that may involve the Russian ruble, Russian-owned and Russian-affiliated companies and immediately report its findings to the governor's office.

The Indiana Office of Technology will continue to strengthen our critical state infrastructure to protect the system from Russian cyber-attacks and the Governor encourages private businesses to do the same.

The Commission for Higher Education will request that public colleges and universities report all Russian funding received for programs, research and grants and report its findings to the governor's office.

Murphy said Holcomb "encourages Hoosier businesses and companies in Indiana to evaluate their future business relationship with Russia."

"The state of Indiana will stand by to assist Ukrainian refugees should a federal policy, program or initiative be implemented requiring access to appropriate locations across the country," said Murphy.

On a federal level, local representatives who voted against impeachment during what was the first of President Donald Trump's two impeachment proceedings slammed President Joe Biden over the past few days for his actions leading up to the crisis. In 2019, Trump blocked and later released \$400 million in congressionally approved military aid to Ukraine. What started as Trump's request for Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky to "do us a favor" spun into a

far-reaching, 28,000-page report compiled by House investigators accusing an American president of engaging in shadow diplomacy that threatened U.S. foreign relations for personal, political gain as he pressured the ally to investigate Democratic rival and now President Biden.

During that first impeachment process, Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, voted against the impeachment charges in the U.S. House, and Sens. Mike Braun and Todd Young, R-Indiana voted against conviction in the U.S. Senate. In February 2020, Trump won impeachment acquittal in the U.S. Senate by 52-48 favoring acquittal of abuse of power, 53-47 of obstruction of Congress' investigation.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Walorski took aim at Biden in her response to the invasion.

"Vladimir Putin was wrong to invade the sovereign nation of Ukraine, and America must follow warnings with strong sanctions.

Appeasement is not an option. Any weakness shown now will long embolden our adversaries in Russia and across the world. Putin should never doubt that America stands with the freedom-loving people of Ukraine," said Walorski.

"From enabling Nord Stream 2 after canceling the Keystone Pipeline to delaying key economic sanctions on Russia, the Biden Administration has made countless missteps that have endangered our national security and Americans' prosperity. I urge President Biden to immediately end his devastating war on American-made energy, restore our nation's energy independence, and strengthen our preparedness to counter 21st-century threats."

On Thursday, Feb. 24, Braun also cited what he saw as missteps by Biden in his response to the latest moves by Russian forces.

"Though I hoped the administration would proactively shut down Russian energy assets such as Nord Stream 2 to deter further aggression as a majority of Senators voted to do, Putin and his cronies must now be punished with severe economic consequences for their unjustified invasion of Ukraine," said Braun.

"The U.S. must unleash independent American energy production to lessen the pain of rising fuel prices on Americans, and the U.S. must be watchful to avoid en-

dangering U.S. troops by involving them further in this volatile situation."

On Thursday, Feb. 24, Young, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, took a less pointed stance against Biden and focused on solidarity in the west.

"Vladimir Putin is attacking the democratic, rules-based order that has benefitted countless Americans and millions around the globe since World War II. The United States must stand with the Ukrainian people by immediately providing additional assistance, including military equipment and lethal aid American strength and leadership in this moment is critical. The weak response from the United States following Russia's previous invasions of Georgia and Crimea left Putin undeterred in his perverse ambition of rebuilding the Soviet Union," said Young. "In the face of Russian aggression in Ukraine, the United States must be united and resolute. Sanctions announced earlier this week by President Biden are a positive step, as are ongoing efforts to rally our NATO allies.

We should immediately impose the strongest possible economic sanctions to make Putin a global outcast."

Young said Russia should be cut off from the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT), which occurred days later.

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Obituaries



Left to right are, Brandi Stackhouse, Wabash Wedcor Drive manager; Megan Henderson, of Blessings in a Backpack, of Wabash County; Katie Ritter, Wabash MSR

Provided photos

Beacon Credit Union Foundation awards \$32,500 in grants

STAFF REPORT

The Beacon Credit Union Foundation has presented grants to five local charitable organizations, according to community relations specialist Kelly Stuber.

"These organizations show a focus on improving the lives of our members, friends and neighbors in the communities that we serve," said Stuber.

The five organizations that have received grants are:

- Blessings in a Backpack, of Wabash County.

- Community & Family Services, of Huntington County.

- Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, of Allen, DeKalb and Huntington counties.

- Culver Community Youth Center Foundation, of Fulton and Marshall counties.

- Twelve Mile Community Volunteer Fire Department, of Cass, Fulton and Miami counties.

Grant awards occur bi-yearly. The deadline to submit applications for consideration in July is May 31. Organizations not receiving a grant may re-apply for the next grant cycle. Organizations chosen for a grant may apply again after one full calendar year following the receipt of their grant.

For more information, visit beaconcu.org.



Pictured left to right are Cheryl McCoy, Huntington MC manager; Dawn Ellis-Fowler, Community and Family Services and Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention director; and Becca Morin, Huntington MSR.



Leisa Drinkwater, grant writer for Community Harvest Food Bank, left, and Gretchen Cooley, New Haven Member Center manager.



Top row, from left to right, are Brian Carver, pf Culver Community Youth Center; Janet West, BCU Rochester manager; Melissa Owen, Plymouth BCU manager; Colleen Klausing, of Culver Community Youth Center; and Erica Rude, Rochester manager.



Pictured left to right from the Twelve Mile Community Volunteer Fire Department are Scott Homburg; Winston Weller; Pascal Moon; Julie Shriver, Logansport manager; Braxton Early; Tim Cowell; Nick Rider; and Brian Eastham.

Neva Kathleen Flohr

June 24, 1940 - Feb. 25, 2022



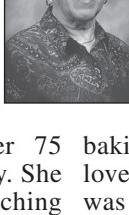
Jones, of LaFountain, Indiana. She is preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, a son, Kerry Sellers, and a sister, Patricia Middleton.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 from 12pm to 2pm at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, Indiana. Funeral service will follow at 2pm with Pastor Ken Spangler officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery next to her beloved husband, Larry Flohr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

Maxine Loker Haist



Maxine Loker Haist passed away peacefully March 28, just a week after her 102nd birthday. Maxine will be remembered most for her love for Arthur, her husband of over 75 years, and their family. She began her career teaching in a one-room schoolhouse near her hometown of Hersey, Michigan, but soon devoted herself to creating the family's Wabash home. Maxine was known for her pies, cinnamon rolls, coffee, and gracious hosting. She spent untold hours in the Wabash First United

Methodist Church kitchen. Maxine retired with Arthur to their farm in LaFontaine and then to Heritage Pointe in Warren, but continued decorating, baking, and welcoming loved ones as long as she was able.

Maxine lost her husband Arthur nearly five years ago, but is survived by their four children: Ellen (Douglas) Paige of Howell, Michigan; Peggy (John) Capin of Gloucester, Virginia; David (Sandra) Haist of Wabash and Culver, Indiana; and James (Gaye) Haist

of Culver, Indiana; eight grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. Maxine is also survived by one of her six siblings, Eva Mae Haist. Her smiles will be missed by countless nieces, nephews, friends, and Heritage Pointe caregivers.

The family plans a private graveside service. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash First United Methodist Church.

The memorial guest book for Maxine may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Lynna Bishop

Aug. 5, 1950 - Feb. 26, 2022



Lynna Bishop, 71, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 4:35 am, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born on Aug. 5, 1950, in Wabash, to Kelly and Lillie Mae (Robinson) Jackson.

Lynna was a 1969 graduate of Manchester High School. She married Alex C. Bishop in Liberty Mills, Indiana on Nov. 15, 1969; he died May 31, 2018. Lynna worked at Timbercrest Healthcare as a QMA. She enjoyed reading, and collecting dolls and cookie jars.

She is survived by two children, Thomas (Patty) Bishop of North Manchester, and Joseph (Ginger) Carter

Bishop of Carmel, Indiana, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents,

Memorial services will be 10:00 am, March 5, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main Street, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is American Diabetes Association

The memorial guest book for Lynna may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Leroy William Wimmer

Leroy William Wimmer, 72, of North Manchester, passed away Feb. 27, 2022 at Visiting Nurse Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Leroy William Wimmer is survived by his wife, Debra Jayne Grist; daughters, Annette (Mike) Wright, Amy (Andy) Eads, and Angela (Ryan) Iden; brother, Bill (Patsy) Wimmer, and grandchildren, Austin (Kaley) Eads, Aden Eads, Anna Simpson, and Isaiah Jones.

A graveside service will be March 19, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery, County Road 300 East and County Road 1000 North, Servia, Indiana. The family of Leroy William Wimmer has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Indiana lawmakers send trans girls sports ban to governor

By CASEY SMITH

Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers gave final approval Tuesday to a Republican-backed bill that would ban transgender women and girls from participating in school sports that match their gender identity, sending it to the governor to decide whether it will become law.

The state Senate voted 32-18 largely along party lines in favor of the proposal that opponents argue is unconstitutional, sexist and bigoted. If Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb signs the bill into law, Indiana would join at least 10 other GOP-led states that have adopted such bans.

The governor's office declined to comment after the bill passed Tuesday.

Holcomb told reporters last week that he would wait to see the final version before making a decision. He said he "adamantly" agrees that "boys should be playing boys sports and girls should be playing girls sports, and mixed sports should be just that," referring to a person's sex at birth.

The governor also pointed to the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), which already has a policy covering transgender students, saying it has had no transgender girls finalize a request to play on a girls'

team. Although an initial draft of the bill applied the ban to collegiate athletes, language pertaining to post-secondary institutions was removed from the final version of the bill.

Neither the IHSAA nor the National Collegiate Athletic Association immediately responded to requests for comment.

Seven Republicans joined all 11 Democratic senators in voting against the bill. Those GOP senators were Ron Altman of Lafayette; Eric Bassler of Washington; Phil Boots of

Crawfordsville; Liz Brown of Fort Wayne; Ed Charbonneau of Valparaiso; Chip Perfect of Lawrenceburg; and Greg Walker of Columbus.

Bill sponsor Sen. Stacey Donato, a Republican from Logansport, said the proposal would protect the integrity of female sports.

"Whether there is one or 100 cases (of transgender students participating in school sports) ... all students will be able to play sports," Donato said. "They simply have to compete with peers of the same biological sex."

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:34

Russia's vicious assault on its neighbor is, above all, an immeasurable tragedy for Ukraine. The Ukrainian people will pay a terrible cost as they battle to defend themselves. Forced to fight alone, they face the prospect of the independence they have enjoyed for the three decades since the Soviet collapse being severely compromised, even snuffed out. But Vladimir Putin's aggression has also brought to Europe something that had for long seemed unthinkable, and even in the last decades of the stand-off with the Soviet empire was avoided: a full-scale "hot" war between two of its largest countries. It opens new risks for the continent and the world over the years, and even decades, to come.

The danger of a hot war is always that it will escalate. If he succeeds in swallowing or neutralizing Ukraine, there is a risk an emboldened Putin will turn his sights to the Baltic states. That makes it vital for NATO to bolster front line forces as a deterrent, even if this in itself could be seized on by Moscow as a provocation. Assuming escalation is avoided – and Putin's war does not quickly destabilize his regime at home – the likelihood is that Europe is pulled into a renewed cold war. This will be in some ways similar to the last one, but more complex, and

more perilous.

If Russia gains sway over Ukraine, as it has over Belarus now that the tyrannical Alexander Lukashenko has traded sovereignty for Moscow's help in crushing his domestic opposition, it will carve out a new sphere of influence in Europe. Rival blocs will once again face off along an extended border. Western liberal democracy will be pitted against not communist but nationalist authoritarianism.

The dangers this time are starker. The Soviet Union by the 1980s was a gerontocracy with a stagnant economy. Russia's leader today has shown he is ready to change European borders by force, faces few of the institutional checks of the late Soviet era, and has openly threatened nuclear war. He has spent a decade modernizing his army and atomic arsenal.

Moscow confronts, meanwhile, a NATO alliance whose supplies of combat-ready troops, tanks and planes have shrunk since the 1980s, even as it has expanded geographically and assumed responsibility for defense of ex-Soviet satellites and republics, from the Baltic to the Black Sea. This confrontation is shaping up just as the US is wearying of its outsize role in European security, and preoccupied with a new superpower, China, that has engaged in an even more aggressive and rapid

military build-up than Putin. China and Russia have found common cause in seeking to limit US power and reshape the US-dominated global system.

One similarity with the 1980s is that Russia's economy is again stagnating, with real incomes falling. Indeed, just as Europe has tarried too long in weaning itself off Russian oil and gas, so Russia has done the same, failing to use its natural resource revenues to diversify its economy. If Putin is forced to become more autocratic to restrain a restive population, Russia may start to resemble even more the late USSR. Sanctions imposed over the Ukrainian war will intensify the pressure.

Beyond the immediate crisis, then, Europe's task may once again be to contain a hostile Moscow until a new leadership is forced to change direction. That means rebuilding its defenses, and adopting a strategy to diversify its energy sources – at high speed, and high cost. Global democracies will have to rediscover, too, the resolve that enabled them to prevail in the last cold war. Three decades ago, they came to believe history was on their side. The calamity in Ukraine is a stark warning that they face a new struggle to prevail.

This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.

LETTERS

Democracy by polling

Today, America conducts democracy by opinion polling. What do the people think about Ukraine? Let's be guided by that.

But what if the people are not thinking straight? What if they are burdened by emotional distress, debilitating physical ailments, unhappy employment?

What if they did not pay attention in school, and did not get a college education? What if they did get a degree, but after college they have not cracked a serious book about public policy in years?

What if they blindly parrot what self-interested political party leaders beg them to believe?

What if the average citizen polled on a given day has never read an actual book of American history or any other history?

How good is our bright, shiny, breaking-news poll then? It becomes a measure of our ignorance, not our wisdom. Democracy requires knowledge and participation, not polls.

Kimball Shinkoskey

Woods Cross, Utah

HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2022. There are 304 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 2, 1962, Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a game against the New York Knicks, an NBA record that still stands. (Philadelphia won, 169-147.)

On this date:

In 1861, the state of Texas, having seceded from the Union, was admitted to the Confederacy.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, actor, producer, director and bandleader Desi Arnaz was born in Santiago de Cuba.

In 1932, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, which moved the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to Jan. 20, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

Today's Birthdays: Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 91. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 60. Actor Daniel Craig is 54. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 45. Actor Rebel Wilson is 42. Actor Bryce Dallas Howard is 41.



DAR Good Citizen Award themes

(Editor's note: Candidates for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award, presented by the Frances Slocum Chapter, wrote themes on the subject, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It." The focus question was: "How do the qualities of a good citizen – dependability, service, leadership and patriotism – help support our nation?" Each candidate is given a supervised two-hour time limit, no more than 550 words, reference materials other than a dictionary must not be used, the essay may not be edited or corrected by anyone other than the student and then only within the allotted time limit. Gabriel Ellsworth Case, of Manchester High School, has been selected winner of the chapter award and his theme, along with Anne Marie Cole, representing Wabash High School, are reprinted here.)

words showed his mettle in the infancy of our great nation. In the 1770s, General George Washington was tasked with what seemed an impossible challenge: defeat the most formidable military force on the planet with fighters hopelessly outmatched in manpower and experience. His circumstances were far from perfect, and yet he never faltered in pursuing his goal of a free America. Would blood be spilled? Yes.

Would he make mistakes?

Absolutely. But Washington knew that his ceaseless efforts to conduct a perfect campaign would herald progress that just might be enough to deliver the colonies. And so, undaunted by the impossibility of his task, the General put his greatest efforts into perfecting his troops, as he day in and day out demanded order, cleanliness, and loyalty to the cause of freedom. It is largely because of Washington's patriotic resolve that we stand today in a nation all its own.

But Washington was far from humanity's last great achiever. In the '50s and '60s, nearly a century after the civil war, the widespread experience of injustice felt among African Americans had reached a boiling point. From New York to Los Angeles, the men, women, and children who for centuries had been treated as less than human inferior began to rise, but despite national awareness of the issue, efforts to resist were largely disjointed.

The movement needed a leader to truly make strides, and in Martin Luther King Jr., it found just that. King became an icon with such

lauded proclamations as his "I Have A Dream" speech given at the March on Washington, and as he defacto face of the civil rights movement, he brought an end to segregation legislation in the United States.

Even though racism still exists in today's America, leadership of Dr. King undoubtedly continues to greatly impact the lives of Americans to this day.

But what of it? Washington and King were leaders and patriots; so were many others. What makes them so memorable in the annals of history? Dependability.

A leader is not someone who leads for a day; it is someone who leads for a lifetime. The same is true with patriotism, or any other noble goal. We as Americans must seek to serve each other and thus allow our great America to progress toward that lofty goal of perfection. The example of Dr. King and George Washington demonstrate to us that there is no better way to foster that essential progress than the lifelong service of our fellow citizens, whether it be on the battlefield or the streets of our neighborhoods.

Without citizens, the nation would not be what it is today

By Anne Marie Cole

A good citizen should add strength to one's nation.

A good citizen has many qualities. These attributes include dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

These traits help to support this great nation by showing care and respect,

hardwork and determination,

stepping up to inspire

others, and portraying great love and loyalty to their country.

Dependable ones can be trusted. They are reliable and honor their commitments.

This quality shows that one's time is important.

The nation should know that it can depend on its citizens.

Being dependable shows care, love and respect to one's family, friends, city, state, and country.

The nation needs to be certain that it can rely on its people.

Without dependable citizens, there

would not be the nation that stands today.

A dependable citizen will always follow through.

They will do what they say they will and more.

Without dependable citizens, many needs of the nation would not be met.

Fundraising for various charities, food pantries,

public school activities

and many more necessary parts of communities would cease to exist.

Many essential parts of the community are funded through service.

Volunteering is a backbone of the nation.

There are thousands of different ways to volunteer.

Just a few examples

include helping out at a food pantry,

assisting with a blood drive,

volunteering at an animal shelter,

picking up trash to keep public places clean,

and Meals on Wheels.

Without citizens who are willing

to serve, many non-profit organizations would not

be able to stay open.

Over one million citizens rely on

such organizations.

Without volunteers, a huge portion

of American citizens would

be left without food, water,

clothes, and many other

necessities.

The nation is run by leaders. A good leader inspires others to work their hardest to achieve a common goal.

While many people think that only the rich or the powerful can be leaders,

that is not true. Anyone can be a leader.

One can be a leader in their school, club, sport or, even, community.

What one might consider a small act of leadership can shift the way someone thinks or works. This can have an enormous impact

on the nation. Simple acts like setting a good example

or starting a community service club make the nation a safer, cleaner, and better place to live.

Patriotism is the feeling of love or devotion to one's country.

The nation was founded on patriotism.

In the seventeen hundreds,

a group of people who loved this country deeply got together and started a revolution to try and make it the best place it could be.

Patriotism is rooted inside every citizen.

Patriotism helps support the nation by giving every citizen something in common.

This feeling of unity binds together all who live in the great country to strive towards a better tomorrow.

Being a patriot encompasses all the qualities a good citizen should have: dependability, service, and leadership.

The nation is made up of many great citizens.

They are reliable, love to volunteer, are not afraid to step up and take charge,

and they show loyalty and devotion to their country.

Without these citizens, the nation would not be what it is today.

It relies on the work, leadership, and care from its great citizens.



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Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for

Wabash Marketplace transitions to a new identity: Downtown Wabash

Established nonprofit leans into 'micropolitan' identity for fresh start in 2022

STAFF REPORT

On Monday, Feb. 21, Wabash Marketplace officially made its debut as Downtown Wabash, after holding the same identity for the last 40 years, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

The nationally-accredited Main Street Organization in Wabash will now be known as Downtown Wabash.

"The nonprofit exists to be a catalyst for community and economic revitalization, as a nonprofit organization

utilizing the Main Street Approach in downtown Wabash," said Ellis.

Ellis said Downtown Wabash is "operated daily by three women and is advised by a strong board of directors."

Executive director Andrea Zwiebel, Ellis and downtown coordinator Carly Hawkins "work to champion the downtown Wabash district with 55 community events and small business shopping campaigns, historic preservation projects and facade improvements."

"My team is absolutely thrilled to see this established organization start anew in 2022 with a new identity, which clarifies our mission for the public," Zwiebel said. "Downtown

Wabash is more than a metropolitan destination with 10,000-50,000 residents. It's also a brand, which stands for fostering community and economic development in a beautiful, prosperous downtown for all."

Ellis said Wabash Marketplace "served its purpose as a preservation-based nonprofit for four decades."

"Now, Downtown Wabash will cast its renewed vigor for place-based revitalization. Along with historic preservation, the district will focus on arts, culture and small business support alongside the recently designated Wabash Cultural District," said Ellis.

Ellis said the Downtown Wabash team will plan and execute 55 events and meet-



Provided photo
Public relations and marketing manager, left, and executive director Andrea Zwiebel help lead the team.

ings for the public including shopping campaigns, a First Friday event, Farmers' Market events, downtown

holiday kick-off event. For more information, visit downtownwabash.org.

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class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, March 2 and April 20. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwits or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Nature's Remedy to celebrate new downtown North Manchester location

Grow Wabash County has announced that Nature's Remedy will be hosting a grand re-opening at their new location, 121 E. Main St., North Manchester. The community is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting at the new location at noon Friday, March 4 to celebrate the occasion.

WHS graduates encouraged to apply for the Lucille Camp scholarship

Wabash High School (WHS) has announced that they are preparing to award scholarship funds that have been endowed by the Lucille Camp Scholarship Foundation. To be eligible to receive funds from the Lucille Camp Scholarship Trust, applicants must be either a 2022 graduate of WHS or a student who graduated from WHS within the last three years, in either 2019, 2020 or 2021. Students must have not previously received grants from the trust for more than three academic years. Eligible students may not be related by blood or marriage, within a third degree of consanguinity, to an officer, director, employee or agent of the trustee, which is GBC Bank, who is actively involved in the administration of the trust or the management of its assets. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at WHS or on the Wabash City Schools (WCS) website at <https://www.apaches.k12.in.us/> under High School-Scholarships. Completed applications are due to the WHS Guidance Office by Friday, March 4. For more information, call 260-563-4131.

Woman's Clubhouse to honor Lois Van Meter

A quilt raffle in memory of Lois Van Meter will be the center of the luncheon at The Woman's Clubhouse at noon Tuesday, March 8 at 770 W. Hill St. The "beautiful lap quilt" was made by Joan Manning. Raffle tickets will continue to be available to purchase until the day of the program for \$5 for one, or \$10 for three. The Sew Pieceful Guild will host the Quilters Hall of Fame, from Marion, as we honor Lois for her dedicated work with the 'Quilts of Valor' for veterans and her love of the Clubhouse. Reservations must be made before Saturday, March 5. For more information, call Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088 or Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Conflict transformation workshop offered at Manchester

Education for Conflict Resolution (ECR) offers "An Introduction to Conflict Transformation," a two-day workshop, on Saturday, March 5, and Saturday, March 12. It is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

The training will be in the Academic Center on the Manchester University campus in North Manchester. The cost is \$25 for Manchester University students (will be reimbursed \$15 by the Peace Studies program after payment), \$50 for Manchester University faculty, staff and alumni, and \$100 for non-MU participants. Register at <http://www.workitout.org/focus-upcoming-events/>.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the "Spaces" concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates. March 7 – "Race and Racism, Historical and Current Experiences." March 14 – "PeaceTech: Engineering to Change the World" by Zia Haque. April 4 – "Manchester and the United Nations: The Legacy of Andrew Cordier" by Manchester seniors Christopher Carroll and Omar Gadzhiev. April 11 – In "CommuniKATE: Artalive," Kate Billingsley offers a comic performance. April 18 – Alicia Smith presents "Environmental Justice & Community Democracy – BIPOC & Beyond." April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in "Dream Big." May 2 – "Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester's First Black Students" is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of "Spaces," a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

Honeywell House to host a presentation from lighting designer Rick Baxter

"Lighting the Stars on the Great White Way!" brings lighting designer Rick Baxter to the Honeywell House at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. Baxter has turned lighting designs into reality in theaters all over the world, from Broadway to Las Vegas. Baxter has worked as a production electrician for some of the biggest shows on stage. He will share stories of people he worked with throughout his career including Carol Burnett, Mel Brooks, Crystal Gayle and Patti Lupone. Admission is free, but due to limited space reservations are required. For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold March meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Frances Slocum of Miami County, presented in first person by Sharon Dillman, Regent of the Nineteenth Star Chapter, Peru. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who

can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. For more information, visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, March 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Grow Wabash County's annual Salute to Ag Dinner will be Wednesday, March 9

The 2022 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$25 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Register by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/ag2022, by emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or by calling 260-563-5258.

Metro North and Southwood to hold kindergarten round-ups

Kindergarten round-ups have been announced for Southwood and Metro North elementary schools and MSD is ready to welcome the Class of 2035. Children who will be at least 5 years of age on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. This year's MSD kindergarten round-ups will take place on Wednesday, March 9 at Southwood Elementary School, 840 E. Indiana 124, and Thursday, March 10 at Metro North Elementary School, 3844 W. 200 North. Families are "highly encouraged" to register for the kindergarten round-up no later than Monday, March 7. To accommodate social distancing, families will be assigned an arrival time based on their availability. Guests should be limited to only one or two adult guardians with the child. Guardians should bring a copy of the child's official birth certificate and vaccination records with them. For younger students, it's also time to begin enrollment for the 2022-2023 Little Norse and Little Knights Preschool programs.

Children who will be either ages 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 are eligible to enroll. Preschool tuition is around \$17 per day, but financial assistance is also available for qualifying families through the CCDF and On My Way PreK programs. Students will attend classes from Monday through Friday for either a half or full-day, and follow the regular MSD school year calendar. For more information, visit www.msdwc.org or contact Southwood Elementary School Principal Phil Boone by phone at 260-563-8050 or by email at boonepr@msdwc.k12.in.us or Metro North Elementary Principal Janet Moore by phone at 260-563-8050 or by email at moorej@msdwc.k12.in.us.

NMHS and Shepherd's Center sponsoring Smokey Mountain Redneck Tour

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) and the Shep-

herd's Center will be traveling Monday, May 16 to Thursday, May 16 to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for five live shows, an afternoon at Dollywood, free time at The Island, three dinners including Applewood Restaurant and Five Oaks Farm Kitchen during their Smokey Mountain Redneck Tour. Three nights of first-class lodging will be offered, including breakfasts. The cost of the four-day trip is \$825 per person double occupancy and \$995 as a single and includes luxury coach, tours, snacks, luggage handling and any tips and taxes. Reservations are due by Thursday, March 10. For more information, contact tour coordinator Bernie Ferringer by mail at P.O. Box 361, North Manchester, IN 46962; by email at bernievicki@gmail.com or by phone at 260 982-8734.

Emmanuel Christian School plans annual carnival

Emmanuel Christian School has planned its annual carnival from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 11 at 129 Southwood Drive. This year we will feature food trucks from Tim's Thai 2 Go, Veteran's BBQ and Red Barn Elephant Ear. Inside will be inflatables, games and food for all ages. Wristbands are \$12 for kids and will include access to all inflatables and games, as well as a hot dog, chips and a drink. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit the ECS Spring Carnival and Auction page on Facebook.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit www.dnr.IN.gov/uwits or facebook.com/upperwabash.

St. Trolley's Day Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced the return of the "fan-favorite" St. Trolley's Day Trolley Tour. Tickets are on sale online or in-person at 221 S. Miami St. Tick- et buyers will have the option of choosing between a 6 or 7 p.m. time slot for a "fun-filled tour" on Friday, March 11 or Saturday, March 12. For more information, visit www.WabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day will take place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Wabash County Fairgrounds at the Bruce Ingraham Building, 660 Gillen Ave. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years old and younger. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Donna Siders by email at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by phone at 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tick-

ets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for \$150.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra presents Trailblazers

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn continues its 83rd season with Trailblazers at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the Honeywell Center. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Masks and social distancing are required.

UWIN holding native tree sale

Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) is holding a second tree sale, including red maples, sweetgum, persimmon, tulip (Indiana State tree), redbud, pawpaw, snowberry, red osier dogwood, spicebush and more. Prices depend on the chosen size and range from \$15 to \$90. To place an order, visit <https://lafontainelions.com/shop> or email troyd@dnr.IN.gov. The order and payment deadline is Tuesday, March 15. Orders will be available for pick up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at Brandt's Harvey Davidson, 1400 Cass St.

Paradise Spring Board offers scholarships to local high school seniors

The Paradise Spring Board has announced they will again be offering scholarships to five Wabash County seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 per student. For this year's scholarship, "high school seniors are invited to research and write an essay about the railroad hub at Paradise Spring Historical Park and how the railroad still impacts us today." Essay packets have been delivered to all public schools in the county or can be requested by email at ungerdeanna@gmail.com. Winners will be selected from the county schools plus one from the home-schooled, online or alternate school student groups. To receive the scholarship, the selected winners are also required to present their essays either in person or via video to be used for future programming. Completed essays and cover letters should be returned by Friday, April 1 by mail to Paradise Spring Board, P.O. Box 353, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

Guardian Warriors seeks to raise funds through shoe donations

The Guardian Warriors group has launched a shoe collection drive to raise money to help local families, send children to college, an upcoming 9/11 event and more. The shoe donations will also support micro-enterprises in developing nations and "reduce what goes into landfills." The shoe drive, which lasts through May 31, will ultimately earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Their goal is to collect 2,500 shoes. Funds2Orgs will purchase all the donated footwear. The shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Those who are interested in donating shoes may send them through the mail to 3789 W. 100 South, Wabash, IN 46992, or call 765-244-8360. They will also have pick-up dates available from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 1 and Saturday, May 7 at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru.

Combatting the crisis: Opioid addiction in the U.S.

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI

CING Executive Editor

Substance abuse disorder has challenged north central Indiana much like the rest of our country for more than a decade. The prevalence of fentanyl – a synthetic pain reliever that is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine – in our communities has contributed to historic levels of fatal overdoses in parts of our region. The addictive properties of opioid-based prescriptions cause physical and psychological dependence. Although these powerful pain relieving drugs are a key part of a patient's recovery, with proper medical supervision, withdrawal can cause addiction in anyone. Substance abuse disorder does not discriminate. People of all walks of life can fall victim to the addictive properties of these medications, and the fall out and consequences associated with overdose can affect a community in many ways.

The opioid crisis affects everyone. Every community is unique. That is why Paxton Media's Central Indiana News Group (CING) is publishing this five-part series over the next four Wednesdays.

Each community you will read about is trying their best to tackle addiction and prevent people from overdosing. For the past 10 years, state legislators, federal officials and local leaders have worked tirelessly to enact change in their communities. There have been crackdowns on pharmaceutical companies that misled the public and medical professionals about the side effects of their opioid-based drugs and incentivized doctors to prescribe their drugs. Law enforcement helped prosecute pill-mills and offices who over prescribed these drugs within our region. Churches have stepped up to the plate to provide services for families torn apart by addiction and substance abuse disorder. Communities have recruited and opened recovery homes and addiction services in their towns to help people dealing with addiction. Courts have implemented alternative sentencing practices – giving people suffering from substance abuse disorder a second chance to get help and avoid jail time. First responders have begun carrying Narcan and naloxone, two opioid overdose reversing medications, to save people's lives. Communities have even made these overdose antidotes available to their citizens for free to help them save loved ones and strangers.

Beating this crisis will take a team effort. Each community within our coverage region – from the Huntington Herald-Press to the Wabash Plain Dealer, Peru Tribune, Frankfort Times and Chronicle-Tribune – can learn something valuable with collaboration. Our papers will be bringing you stories about their county's success and failures. We will look at the way each community is approaching the crisis and talk to leaders to see how each community can improve its approach.

We hope this series helps bring awareness to the issues going on in our backyards. We hope this section will inspire every reader to help out and to think about substance abuse disorder in a different way.

We can't stay complacent as people continue to die of overdoses in our communities. With collaboration, each community can do more to bring an end to the opioid crisis.



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Current and former program participants at Place of Grace watch a program on the television at the organization's recovery home in Huntington in February.

Huntington County develops multifaceted plan to combat substance abuse disorder

By BRETT STOVER

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"When I did opiates, I literally felt nothing. I was just numb, so [the pain] was finally gone."

In 2014, Alisha Ladyga pleaded guilty to and subsequently was convicted of dealing a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a family housing complex – at the time, a Class A felony.

Although it was her first felony conviction, she was sentenced to 18 years in prison. Ladyga says the arrest was the best thing that has ever happened to her.

"I wish it would have happened sooner. It changed my whole life," Ladyga said. "It changed the path that I was on, that my kids were on, my family."

That feeling of numbness was Ladyga's way of escaping from her past, of shutting out the "overwhelming emotions" that would pour in during withdrawal.

"I had a bunch of abandonment issues, past trauma, depression, so I think that opiates were just the key to that escape for me," Ladyga said. "I don't necessarily think of addiction as a disease, but I do believe that it's a chemical imbalance in our brain that affects our decision making. I think that's what was happening with me."

In the eight years since Ladyga's conviction, the opioid crisis in Huntington County – and across the United States – has only worsened.

During an overdose awareness meeting at Huntington North High School last November, Huntington County Sheriff Chris Newton shared a shocking news alert he received earlier that day: more than 100,000 in the U.S. had died of drug overdoses in the U.S. during the previous 12 months from April 2020 to April 2021. It marked the first time the nation had recorded that many overdose deaths in a single year and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was an increase of 28.5 percent over the previous year.

Three quarters of those 100,306 deaths – 75,673 – were attributed to opioids.

"I started in 1995, and I started out as a reserve officer," Newton said. "I'll tell you, the only things we were really battling at the time that we saw in Huntington was, you know, alcohol and marijuana. You'd throw in a bit of LSD here and there. You'd hear about crack



Cassie, Abbey, a Place of Grace graduate, and Sara, a Certified Recovery Coach, sit in the living room at the Place of Grace house in Huntington in February.

cocaine – didn't see it much."

Later, Newton said, methamphetamine became a more serious concern. Then came the rise in opioid prescriptions.

"For some of the doctors that's kind of what they were being told. They don't want to see their client or their patient be in pain, so, you know, give them something," Newton said. "But the back side of that is they are teaching the body to rely on that drug. So, opioids were the big draw. I mean, that's your pain reliever. The tolerance levels were increasing, and the amount that these people needed to have was increasing before long."

According to the CDC, the rate of doctors prescribing opioids in the U.S. peaked a decade ago and has been declining ever since. However, the potency of those prescriptions remains "around three times higher" than the average strength of opioids prescribed in 1999. From that year until 2019, nearly 247,000 people across the country died of overdoses involving prescription opioids.

Under former Mayor Brooks Fettner, the city of Huntington entered the legal fight against prescription drug manufacturers, an effort that has continued under Mayor Richard Strick.

"We joined the class action suit with other municipalities across the nation in going after the manufacturers of these opioids and were really pushing pain pill prescriptions, and we know ... that when these folks saw addiction

skyrocketing in a community, their response was not to send resources for recovery," Strick said. "Their response was to send more salespeople into those areas."

Strick called the city a "small boat in a big ocean" that is still living in the wake of the decisions made by those pharmaceutical companies. While he admits he doesn't have all the answers, Strick believes it will take "change and sacrifice" from everyone in order to get closer to solving the crisis.

"Frankly, that angers me to no end. It really pushes the boundaries to me of any kind of Christian duty to forgiveness and mercy," Strick said. "I hope the book gets thrown at these families. So far they've been very monied and protected interests. They need [to be] prosecuted for their actions because they have killed hundreds of thousands of people across the United States and around the world by lying about the addictive nature of the things they were pushing."

Police Chief Cory Boxell, who was selected by Strick to head the city's police force in December, mentioned the opioid epidemic as one of the most serious issues facing the city. A former Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officer, Boxell believes reviving the program would be a positive step forward for the county.

"The program allows officers to be in the classroom with kids and build

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TREATMENT APPROACHES FOR DRUG ADDICTION

BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE
ON DRUG ABUSE

Editor's Note: This fact sheet discusses research findings on effective treatment approaches for drug abuse and addiction. If you're seeking treatment, you can call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (1-800-662-4357) or go to <https://findtreatment.gov/> for information on hotlines, counseling services, or treatment options in your state.

What is drug addiction?

Drug addiction is a chronic disease characterized by compulsive, or uncontrollable, drug seeking and use despite harmful consequences and changes in the brain, which can be long-lasting. These changes in the brain can lead to the harmful behaviors seen in people who use drugs. Drug addiction is also a relapsing disease. Relapse is the return to drug use after an attempt to stop.

The path to drug addiction begins with the voluntary act of taking drugs. But over time, a person's ability to choose not to do so

becomes compromised. Seeking and taking the drug becomes compulsive. This is mostly due to the effects of long-term drug exposure on brain function. Addiction affects parts of the brain involved in reward and motivation, learning and memory, and control over behavior.

Addiction is a disease that affects both the brain and behavior.

Can drug addiction be treated?

Yes, but it's not simple. Because addiction is a chronic disease, peo-

ple can't simply stop using drugs for a few days and be cured. Most patients need long-term or repeated care to stop using completely and recover their lives.

Addiction treatment must help the person do the following:

- stop using drugs
- stay drug-free
- be productive in the family, at work, and in society

Principles of effective treatment

Based on scientific research since the mid-1970s, the follow-

ing key principles should form the basis of any effective treatment program:

- Addiction is a complex but treatable disease that affects brain function and behavior.
- No single treatment is right for everyone.
- People need to have quick access to treatment.
- Effective treatment addresses all of the patient's needs, not just his or her drug use.
- Staying in treatment long enough is critical.

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Life's not always a day at the beach

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those relationships over a multi-week period, and I think that's important that we show kids consistency," Boxell said. "It gives them the opportunity to build those relationships."

Reinstating the DARE program in the Huntington County Community School Corporation is one of Boxell's biggest goals, one that he hopes can be implemented by 2023.

Throughout his career, Boxell's work has often focused on drug-related law enforcement. While prescription opioids were perhaps the inciting incident for the crisis, the focus in recent years has shifted to modern synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Huntington County has seen an exponential rise in opioid-related overdoses during the past three years. There were four in 2019, a number that more than doubled to nine in 2020 according to data provided by the Huntington County Health Department. In 2021, the number doubled again – to 18.

During the past three years, 23 of those 31 deaths had a primary cause that included fentanyl. According to the CDC, the drug is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine.

"I think the drugs are a lot more dangerous," Newton said. "I think a lot of the people who are addicts, they are aware of the dangers. They try to put as much caution in there, but they are still an addict."

According to data provided to the Sheriff's Department by Parkview Emergency Medical Services, there were 137 EMS patients that suffered overdoses in 2021. First responders from HPD, HCSD and the Huntington Fire Department administered 46 doses of naloxone, a medicine that quickly helps to treat opioid overdose victims.

Often referred to by the brand name Narcan, the treatment was also administered to nine individuals by bystanders, not first responders, according to the data, and Parkview EMS administered 49 doses of Naloxone.

Organizations like Overdose Lifeline now offer training courses designed to teach people that are not first responders how to administer naloxone in order to save more lives.

In his experience, Boxell believes that many people struggling with addiction only begin to accept help after reaching the nadir of their struggles.

"Until they hit that proverbial rock bottom, it's hard," Boxell said. "You can't just force help on someone. I'll be honest: I tried, but more times than not, they become failures. Right? They drop out of the program or they run away from the house."

One of the biggest changes in the past few decades has been the increase in additional programs available for those struggling with addiction.

"As a law enforcement society," Boxell said, "we have changed so much in the course of my career in the sense that we don't just find somebody in possession of drugs and we lock them up and throw away the key and just forget about it."

In 2016, Huntington County began a new

problem-solving court – "Drug Court" – that

provides alternative sentencing options for ar-

restees that are dealing with drug-related of-

fenses. Superior Court Judge Jennifer Newton,

a leading force behind the push to establish the

drug court, said it has allowed for more rehabil-

itation-focused sentencing.

"Our drug court team consists of a lot of dif-

ferent agencies, and we meet every week and

discuss the participants," Jennifer Newton said.

"Before the participants are even allowed to be-

come participants they have an interview with a

mental health provider ... and also our drug court

coordinator. They get into past trauma, so we try

to address the person as a whole rather than just

punishing them for their offense."

An additional benefit to the program, Jennifer

Newton said, is that it reduces recidivism rates

by addressing those concerns.

"Drug court, it's not easy. It's very structured, very structured, but we have so many support services that we offer the participants through drug court that if they want to take advantage of them, they can," Jennifer Newton said. "Is everyone successful? Of course not. Regardless,

I think a person has to want to change and be

willing to make some tough changes in their life,

and if they do, we are providing the resources

for them. We are going to help them get there. I

think that's a completely different approach than



Huntington County Prosecutor Jeremy Nix, left, speaks at an overdose awareness meeting at Huntington North High School on Nov. 17. At the event, local government leaders and law enforcement officials addressed the community regarding the recent increase in overdoses.



Dozens of Huntington community members gathered on Aug. 31 at Memorial Park to commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day. Later, many attendees released balloons to remember loved ones that died from overdoses.

15 years ago."

While Ladyga did not go through the drug court program itself, she spoke favorably of Newton's approach. Four years into her sentence, Ladyga was at risk of losing custody of her children. She filed for a modified sentence and was "stunned" by the response.

"I went up in front of [former prosecutor] Amy [Richison] and Jenny Newton," Ladyga said. They said, yes, that everything that I had done: my record in prison was completely clean... I stayed out of trouble. I had no write ups. So then they put the rest of it on probation."

Other options for sentencing and treatment have emerged in recent years, including the O'Donnell Center at Victory Knoll. The center will eventually house the county's Community Corrections department, the Parkview Behavioral Health Institute and other organizations like the county's Emergency Management Agency, Huntington County Human Resources and Huntington County Central Dispatch.

"We are first going to be offering a restorative, residential work release [program], so we're going to have your typical work release that we have never had in this county a facility for that," Chris Newton said. "We are also having, and this is how we differ from other work release facilities, we are holding onto that restorative residential piece of it where we are providing onsite services for people."

Inside the newly-expanded Huntington County Jail, Chris Newton hopes the Jail Chemical Addiction program will provide additional assistance to those incarcerated in the county.

"With the JCAP program ... they're essentially going to be that same group of people" Chris Newton said. "They are here for the same reason: because they are addicts or drug users. Getting them into a program and learning to lean on each other and those times when they feel like:

'I'm going to fail. I'm going to relapse. I need help.' They have somebody that went through that exact, same program, and they can lean on them. They know that person understands, or they made that connection with that person, and that may be the difference of walking that person off of a ledge and using heroin or fentanyl again and overdosing and dying."

That sense of community is important and is echoed by those inside and outside law enforcement. For Ladyga, she found that at Place of Grace, a recovery house in Huntington.

In terms of addiction treatment and response, there's kind of two pathways: outpatient and inpatient. The majority of people who are going to go through treatment are going through an outpatient program such as Bowen Center,

Parkview..." Place of Grace Executive Director Brittany Renkenberger said. "For those who need additional services beyond that, then that relies on the inpatient or residential side, and that's where Place of Grace and Harmony Home and those types of things land."

Jennifer Newton said that she will sometimes sentence individuals dealing with addiction to serve their sentence at halfway houses, assisted by GPS monitoring devices.

"We have advocates within our criminal justice system here locally that really see the benefit of persons completing recovery programs if they appear to be really invested in their recovery and making some significant life changes as they see that there's real merit in that approach versus a person, you know, serving time," Renkenberger said.

However, she acknowledged that there are still not enough organizations in the county to properly address the opioid crisis. Often there are waitlists that delay an individual's ability to enter a house, which can be "demoralizing."

"It can be a hindrance to following through with that commitment because when that person is ready in that moment, you know, that's the nature of addiction," Renkenberger said. "That craving is going to come back around eventually."

Additionally, Renkenberger said that there are not enough organizations that aim to bridge the gap after inpatient treatment programs, as well as affordable housing options – especially for those convicted of felonies.

"There's not that in between 'I've completed inpatient treatment' and normal life ... There's a real need for that in the recovery community as a whole..." Renkenberger said. "We see a gap in service here in Huntington County is the need for that step down and transitional programming for the person who has achieved their sobriety, but they're not quite ready to be fully independent yet. They need that in between service or transitional housing to help them practice independent living situations [and] the skills that they learned in that initial recovery program."

Houses like Place of Grace help provide structure and stability to those dealing with addiction and exiting incarceration. Ladyga sees the support and education she received at the house as crucial to getting her life back on track.

"I had learned no skills, right? Because I didn't have my mom, dad. I didn't have a family support system. Then I got on drugs, just didn't know any life skills," Ladyga said. "They help teach you things like that, normal things. Like, my credit score is at 750 now. I have my own house, a brand new car, all because of things that they had taught me in there – life skills that I didn't learn from my family."

While the transition in and out of prison, to Place of Grace and eventually back into the world at large hasn't always been smooth, she is now a graduate of the program – and a member of the organization's board of directors.

Ladyga will be eight years sober on Aug. 27 and said she wouldn't be where she is today without the community's "support and love."

"[Entering Place of Grace], I was anxious. I was scared. I hadn't been around people in normal clothes or normal people in so long, and they broke that barrier pretty fast," Ladyga said.

"It was like, 'Hey, here it is. This is real life.' You know? This is what it is, and I love that. I absolutely love that. Between Place of Grace, this community and prison, that is exactly why I am almost eight years sober."

THE FACTS ABOUT FENTANYL

By CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.

There are two types of fentanyl: pharmaceutical fentanyl and illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Both are considered synthetic opioids.

Medically Manufactured Fentanyl

Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, especially after surgery and for advanced-stage cancer. However, most recent cases of fentanyl-related overdose are linked to illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect.

It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.

Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF) is available on the drug market in different forms, including liquid and powder.

Fentanyl-laced drugs are extremely dangerous, and many people may be unaware that their drugs are laced with fentanyl.

Powdered fentanyl looks just like many other drugs. It is commonly mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into pills that are made to resemble other prescription opioids.

In its liquid form, IMF can be found in nasal sprays, eye drops, or dropped onto paper like small candies.

Drugs do not come with an ingredients list. Many contain deadly doses of fentanyl.

Street Names for Fentanyl:

- Apache
- Dance Fever
- Friend
- Goodfellas
- Jackpot
- Murder 8
- Tango & Cash1



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- Counseling and other behavioral therapies are the most commonly used forms of treatment.
- Medications are often an important part of treatment, especially when combined with behavioral therapies.
- Treatment plans must be reviewed often and modified

The best treatment programs provide a combination of therapies and other services to meet the needs of the individual patient.

Photo by NIDA

to fit the patient's changing needs.

- Treatment should address other possible mental disorders.
- Medically assisted detoxification is only the first stage of treatment.
- Treatment doesn't need to be voluntary to be effective.
- Drug use during treatment must be monitored continuously.

Treatment programs should test patients for HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases as well as teach them about steps they can take to reduce their risk of these illnesses.

What are treatments for drug addiction?

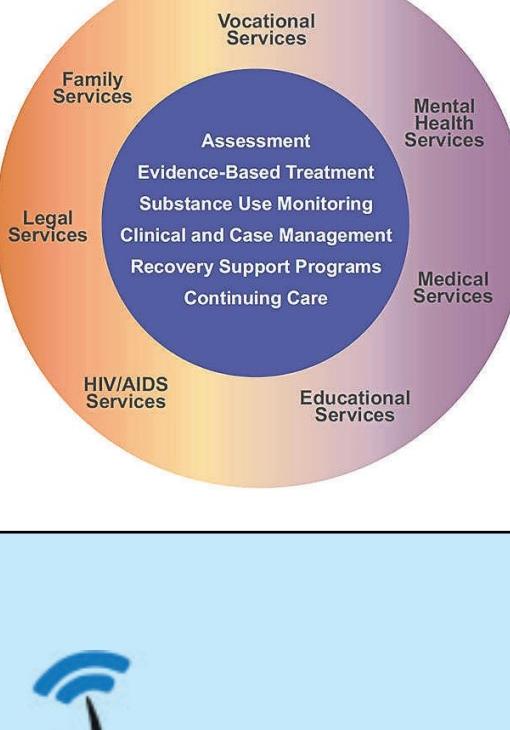
There are many options that have been successful in treating drug addiction, including:

- behavioral counseling
- medication
- medical devices and applications used to treat withdrawal symptoms or deliver skills training
- evaluation and treatment for co-occurring mental health issues such as depression and anxiety

■ long-term follow-up to prevent relapse

A range of care with a tailored treatment program and fol-

low-up options can be crucial to success. Treatment should include both medical and mental health services as needed. Follow-up care may include community- or family-based recovery support systems.

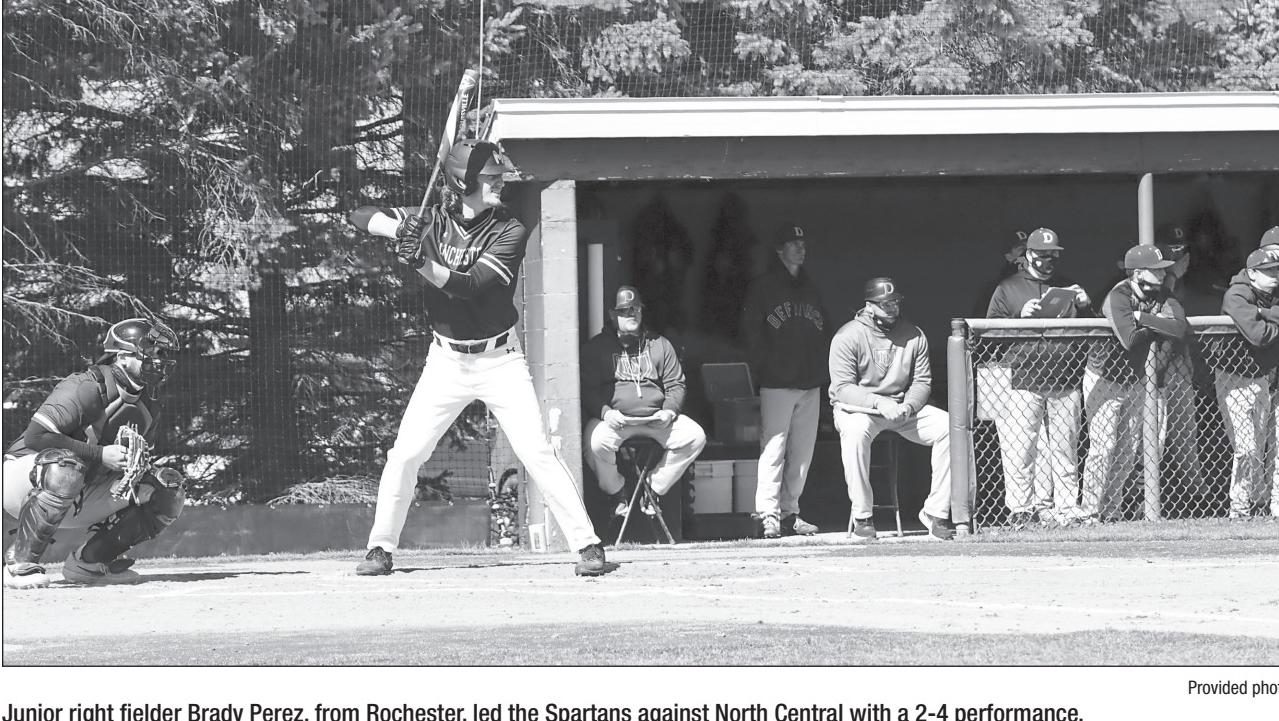


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Junior right fielder Brady Perez, from Rochester, led the Spartans against North Central with a 2-4 performance.

Manchester's Brandon Christlieb named second-team All-HCAC in men's basketball

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) has announced the 2022 Men's Basketball All-Conference teams and major award winners for the 2021-22 season.

Named the HCAC Player of the Week on Jan. 10, Christlieb also led the Spartans in made field goals (121), field goal percentage (.488), free throws made (68), and free throws attempted (79). Christlieb added 5.2 rebounds a night as well as 20 total steals and 17 total blocks.

Representing the Black and Gold on this year's awards listings was sophomore forward Brandon Christlieb who was named Second Team All-HCAC by the league office on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 23.

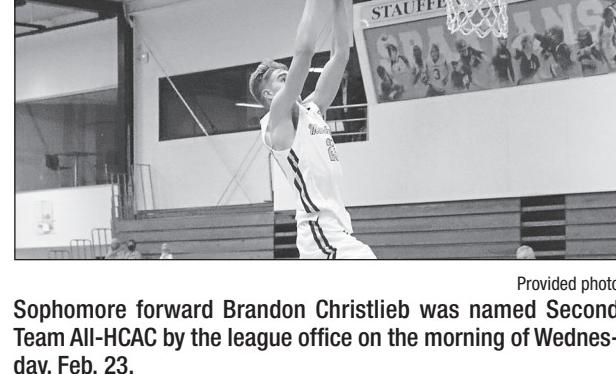
Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, was the Spartans leading scorer this season

after scoring 18.0 ppg. Christlieb started all 19 games that he appeared in this season and scored a total of 342 points. He scored in double figures 17 times and score 20 or more points on eight occasions.

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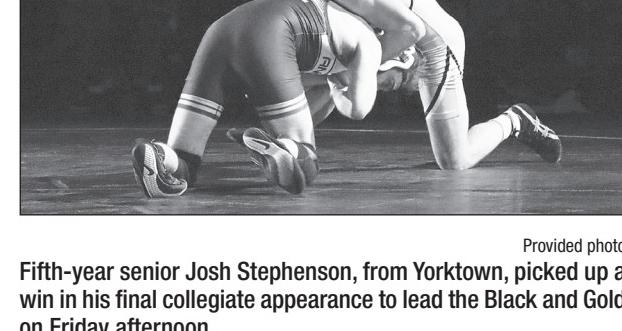
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Fifth-year senior Josh Stephenson, from Yorktown, picked up a win in his final collegiate appearance to lead the Black and Gold on Friday afternoon.

Manchester wrestling ends season at Central Region Championships

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University wrestling squad concluded its season at the NCAA Division III Central Region Championships hosted at Adrian College in Michigan on Friday, Feb. 25.

Fifth-year senior Josh

Stephenson, from Yorktown, picked up a win in his final collegiate appearance to lead the Black and Gold on Friday afternoon.

Stephenson pinned Hiram's Grayson Smith in his second bout of the day in the 133-pound weight class.

Union rejects MLB's last offer at deadline

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

JUPITER, Fla. — Players have rejected Major League Baseball's "best and final offer" to end the sport's lockout before the league's deadline to avoid canceled games.

MLB made its last offer about 90 minutes before a self-imposed 5 p.m. deadline Tuesday. The league has threatened to cancel opening day on March 31 without a deal by then.

Commissioner Rob Manfred spoke around 5 p.m. about the new situation.

The union convened a call of its player representatives after receiving MLB's offer. Players have repeatedly cautioned that significant differences remained in key economic areas, and MLB's proposal did not close that gap in their eyes.

Baseball is now on the precipice of losing regular season games to a work stoppage for the first time since 1995.

The sides made progress during 16 1/2 hours of bargaining Monday, then exchanged new offers Tuesday.

"We thought there was a path to a deal last night and that both sides were closing in on the major issues," an MLB official said before the last offer was transmitted to the union, speaking on the condition he not be identified by name. "They couldn't make us a CBT proposal (competitive balance tax) last night, so we agreed to extend the deadline to exhaust every option."

Mets star pitcher Max Scherzer and free-agent reliever Andrew Miller were present for talks, the ninth straight day of bargaining and the 90th day of the lockout.

Manfred had said Monday was the last possible day to reach an agreement that would allow the minimum time needed for spring training in order to play openers as scheduled on March 31.



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Macy Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, was awarded Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors for the third time in her career.

Miller and Bazzoni highlight HCAC awards for Manchester women's basketball team

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) has announced the 2022 Women's Basketball All-Conference teams and major award winners for the 2021-22 season.

Both Macy Miller and Eva Bazzoni of Manchester University earned recognition this season from the HCAC office on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Miller, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, was awarded Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors for the third time in her career.

The senior forward led Manchester in both scoring and rebounding at 13.6 ppg and 5.9 rpg, respectively. Miller also led Manchester in made field goals (113), made free throws (73), free throw attempts (91), and blocked shots (18).

On the season, Miller started in all 22 games that she appeared in and scored in double figures 15 times. She posted two double-doubles this season. Macy also earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors in 2020 and 2021.

Bazzoni, from Wabash and Manchester High School, was named to the HCAC Newcomer Team after an outstanding rookie campaign for



Eva Bazzoni, from Wabash and Manchester High School, was named to the HCAC Newcomer Team after an outstanding rookie campaign for the Black and Gold.

the Black and Gold. Bazzoni ranked second on the team in scoring at 12.0 ppg. Bazzoni led Manchester with 49 made three-pointers. She also added 3.3 boards a night and 1.5 steals a contest. Bazzoni scored in double figures 12 times – including scoring a season-high 36 points against Anderson. Her 36 point night against the Ravens was the third-most points scored in a single game in school history and the most points scored by a Spartan in a single game in 17 years.

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and Nielsen.

Nielsen reported the total audience on NBC, Telemundo, Peacock and NFL digital platforms averaged 112.3 million viewers for the Los Angeles Rams 23-20 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Feb. 13.

Nielsen originally measured 167 million people

watched at least one minute of the game. However, that swells to 208 million-plus when trying to take into account people watching the game in groups or out of the home.

The survey of 6,600 households, conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago using the AmeriSpeak panel,

examined the size of viewing groups at any location and to what extent those groups are larger than what's currently measured.

To estimate viewers who watched the late Sunday game, the survey also took into account standard Nielsen measurement metrics.

Wife shocked by husband's secret hobby

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 31 years. I recently found out my husband belongs to a singles group. The group meets once a week, and my husband never misses a meeting.

Dear Abby



I went with him to their most recent one and realized it was made up of mostly WOMEN. My husband knew all of them, particularly one named "Lauren," who he said he found interesting. I suspect that he is too interested in her.

Our marriage isn't great. Sex is infrequent because he has ED and does nothing about it. He's obsessed with his weight and works out four times a week. He's not a good communicator and has become secretive. I'm worried that he may have something going on with Lauren and I'm very anxious about it. I don't know what to do. Please advise. We have gone to marriage counseling but it didn't help. — Surprised, But Not Surprised

DEAR SURPRISED: That a married man would join a singles group is galling. The purpose of singles groups is for ELIGIBLE individuals to meet each other. That this was hidden from you until recently isn't a good sign, but consider yourself lucky you were able to attend that meeting.

Contact your physician and ask to be screened for STDs in case your husband has "discovered" Viagra since joining the singles group. Because he isn't using an erection enhancer with you doesn't mean he may not have been using it with someone else — Lauren, for instance.

Protect yourself and your financial interests. Consult an attorney and a CPA to establish what and where the marital assets are, and what you are entitled to in case of a divorce. The CPA can help with that if it becomes necessary. Then ask your husband what he expects from socializing with single women and whether he wants to stay married. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating "Karl" a little over a year. Our relationship has been on and off because I haven't been happy with him. Every time we break up, Karl seems to have a way of pulling me right back in.

I'm divorced; he's legally separated. He works about 18 hours a day at two jobs, and I get to see him only one day a week. Karl's kids want nothing to do with me, or with him, for that matter. Now for the fourth time, and against my better judgment, I've given him another chance. Guess what? I am right back where we were before.

What's wrong with me? Karl is not a bad guy. He would bend over backward for me. The problem is I am not IN love with him. I feel like I'm stuck in a dead-end relationship. How do I break up with him? It's hard to talk to him about anything because he's always at work. — Same Old, Same Old

DEAR SAME: End the relationship by telling Karl you are not in love with him, you plan to date others and you don't want to see him again. It shouldn't come as a shock, in light of the fact that you have broken things off several times before. If he wants to see you after that, refuse and stick to it. Because his feelings for you are not reciprocated, it is kinder than stringing him along.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

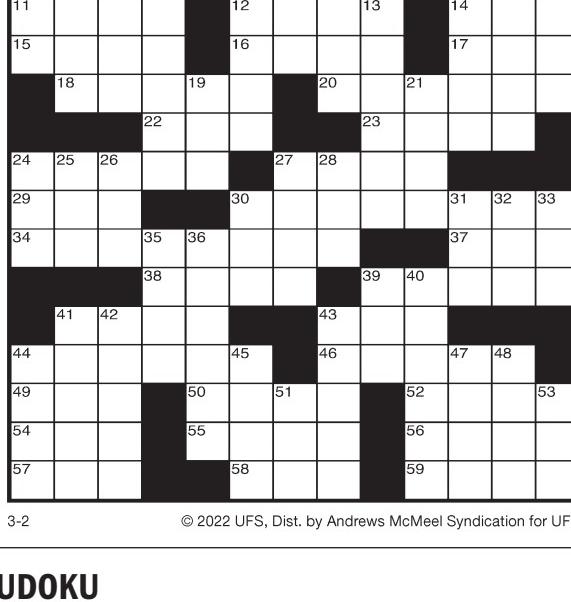
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- 5 Murky 8 Poet's contraction
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- 15 Girlfriend in Cannes
- 16 Reunion attendee
- 17 Visa and passport
- 18 Cutlass kin
- 20 Port in Scotland
- 22 Santa's little helper
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- 27 Fall flower
- 29 Mattress extra
- 30 Kids' wheels
- 34 Actor Clint
- 37 Spike or Ang
- 38 Cut, as a log
- 39 Switch-blade

DOWN

- 1 Health resort
- 2 Dress bottoms
- 3 Diva's solo
- 4 Canada's oldest city
- 5 Snow White's companion
- 6 Chit
- 7 Darn
- 8 Nitrous — (laughing gas)
- 9 — Arnaz
- 10 Tart plum
- 11 Kramer or Estrada
- 12 Unrisen (2 wds.)
- 13 Dressmak-
- 14 Girlfriend's cut
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- 31 Yale alumnus
- 32 Sports "zebra"
- 33 Get an eyeful
- 34 Recipe qts.
- 35 Erodes
- 36 Barbie's beau
- 37 Plover's dwelling
- 38 Diva's solo
- 39 Meadow murmur
- 40 Artist's rental
- 41 Yellow-stone sight
- 42 Fields
- 43 Penny pincher
- 44 Female parents
- 45 Greta of old movies
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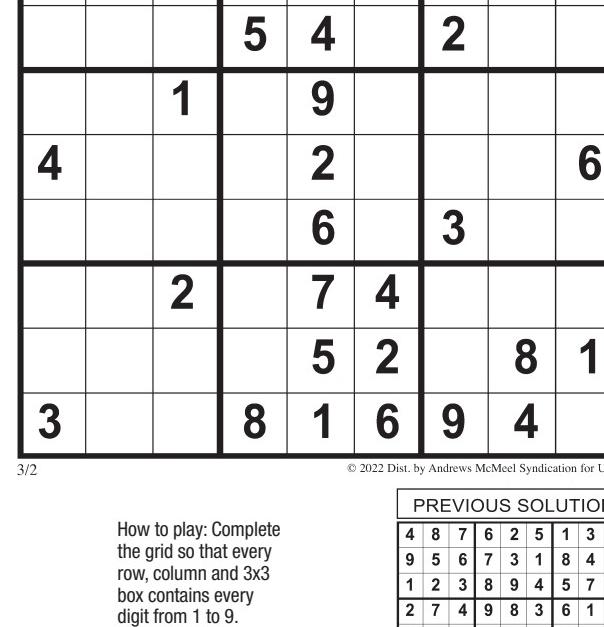
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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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8	1	9	5	4	6	7	2	3
7	6	1	4	5	2	3	9	8
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I'm not sure where these storms will pop up. Could be anywhere.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Print your answer here: " "

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Answer: He had used the same hammer for more than 50 years because it was — TOUGH AS NAILS

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"It's settled! I'll marry Daddy when I grow up, Billy's gonna marry Mommy, and Jeffy's going to be our uncle!"

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BEETLE BAILEY



IN REAL LIFE, WE PRETEND NOT TO SEE EACH OTHER

ARE YOU AND GIZMO SEEING EACH OTHER?

YES, VIRTUALLY

GREG & MORT WALKER

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WHO! NOW THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T SEE EVERY DAY

OOPS! SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT OUT LOUD

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HI & LOIS



WHAT TIME IS IT?

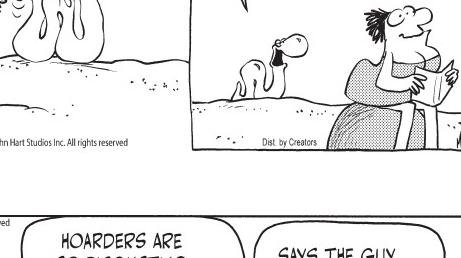
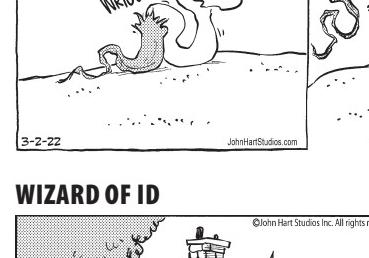
FWEET!

I'M TEACHING TRIXIE HOW TO TELL TIME.

IT'S NOT DOING WHAT I TELL IT!

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YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS 'CAUSE WE EXFOLIATE BETTER THAN YOU!

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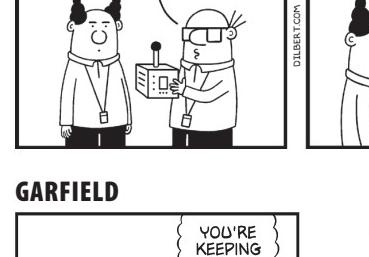


HOARDERS ARE SO DISGUSTING

SAYS THE GUY WITH A BUILDING FULL OF GOLD

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DILBERT



DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THAT?

NO, BUT THEY MIGHT HAVE A GUY WHO LIES ABOUT IT.

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LET'S SEE WHAT YOU HAVE SO FAR

BARK

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FORT KNOX



SO HOW DO I LOOK?

LONG IN PA TOOTH

MIRROR MIRROR

SLIP N SLIDE

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PICKLES



THERE'S SHOULDER STRUMMING, SIDE PALMING, TWO-HANDED SPINE GLIDING, BELLY BROWNSING...

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Christians should always be ready to meet God

Q: My parents are always after me to



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0200 EMPLOYMENT

The Grant County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the 2022 Merit Deputy Eligibility List & Correctional Officers

Applications may be picked up at the Grant County Sheriff's Administrative Office or at www.grantcountynet.net for Merit Deputies. Correctional officers please go to WorkOne.

0200 EMPLOYMENT

Both positions come with full benefit packages. Starting salary for correctional officers is 18.12/hr. and Merit Deputies annual salary of \$48,561.00

For additional information, please contact the Grant County Sheriffs Office 765-662-9836

White Space Sells**0900**

Lagro Township, Wabash County, Indiana

Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2021

Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal
Governmental Activities 01	Township Fund	\$279,930.24	\$59,925.80	\$38,258.34	\$301,597.70
11	Fire Fighting Fund	\$900,627.35	\$479,328.84	\$212,493.30	\$1,167,462.89
16	Cumulative Fire	\$316,230.55	\$50,095.59	\$28,346.09	\$337,980.05
61	Rainy Day Fund	\$71,464.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,464.73
81	Township Assistance Fund	\$167,494.53	\$69,840.35	\$16,449.98	\$220,884.90
95	Payroll Deduction Fund	\$1,528.01	\$5,743.51	\$5,654.48	\$1,617.04
Total All Funds		\$1,737,275.41	\$664,934.09	\$301,202.19	\$2,101,007.31

CERTIFICATION

State of Indiana

SS:

Wabash County

I, Eric Terrell, Trustee of LAGRO TOWNSHIP, Wabash County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Eric Terrell

LAGRO TOWNSHIP Trustee

Telephone: 260-571-3788

Date this report was to be published: 3-2-2022

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of LAGRO TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 17th day of February, 2022.

Gary Hunter, Lagro Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 17th day of February, 2022.

Lagro Township Board:

Gary Hunter

Deb Schenkel

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NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE

Wabash County Indiana

Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time,

April 12, 2022

Courthouse - Commissioners' Room

2nd Floor

STATE OF INDIANA

Wabash County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Wabash County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments.

The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1-1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Wabash County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1-1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on April 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at Courthouse - Commissioners' Room 2nd Floor. At the discretion of local officials, the sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1-1-24-6.3(c) at www.zeusauctions.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the sale.

Pursuant to IC 6-1-1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State.

Pursuant to IC 6-1-1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1-1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1-1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1-1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.

Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.

The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.

Dated: 02/16/2022

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana; hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids for the following project:
Partial Multi-Bridge Painting Contract
Wabash County, Indiana
Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Wabash County Auditor, 1 W Hill Street, Suite 103, Wabash, IN 46992 prior to 9:00 a.m., March 14, 2022. Bids received after the 9:00 a.m. deadline will not be considered but will be returned to the bidder unopened. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(a) "Highway or Bridge Over Water" or Item E(m) "Cleaning and Painting Bridges" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for either of these items on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held at the Commissioners Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 9:30 a.m. local time, March 14, 2022.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents. Plans, Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from Eastern Engineering per the options and prices listed on the Order page.

These sets may include full-size drawings. All payments and costs of Contract Documents are non-refundable. Plans and specifications may be acquired at the following website or by contacting Eastern Engineering directly on or after February 22, 2022:
<https://distribution.easternengineering.com>

or
Eastern Engineering
9901 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
Phone 317-598-0661
Fax 317-598-0630

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the supplied sealed bid notice, bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name and address of the bidder firmly attached. The proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable Bidder's Bond, made payable to the Wabash County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Wabash County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Wabash County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals.

The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff Sale File number: 85-22-0005-SS

Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:00 am

Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement

Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street

Judgment to be Satisfied: \$48,802.73

Cause Number: 85C01-2003-MF-000186

Plaintiff: FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST

Defendant: THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR

DEVISEES OF DAVID V. BOWMAN, DECEASED and

ESTATE OF DAVID B. BOWMAN; ANY AND ALL

OCCUPANTS OF THE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate,

a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THE WABASH AND NORTH MANCHESTER GRAVEL ROAD, WHERE THE SAME IS INTERSECTED BY THE SOUTH LINE OF A TRACT OF LAND SOLD BY EDWARD S. ROSS AND WIFE TO LEVI RENICKER AS SHOWN BY DEED RECORDED ON PAGE 42 OF DEED RECORD #10 OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT SO CONVEYED TO LEVI RENICKER, 130 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD 80 FEET; THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE FIRST LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED 130 FEET TO THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD 80 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO USE THE 25 FOOT ROADWAY ABUTTING SAID TRACT ON THE NORTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM SAID TRACT.

Commonly Known as:

1195 MANCHESTER AVENUE, WABASH, IN 46992

Parcel No. 85-14-01-100-015.000-008

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.

• An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.

Laura O'Donnell, Plaintiffs Attorney

Attorney No. 34296-34

O'Donnell & Vent, LLP

323 North Main Street

Kokomo, IN 46901

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The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

WABASH NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff Sale File number: 85-22-0004-SS

Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department basement, Miami Street entrance, 79 W Main Street

Judgment to be Satisfied: \$15,642.28

Cause Number: 85C01-1902-MF-000140

Plaintiff: Bank of America, N.A.

Defendant: Tammy L. Hurst, AKA Tammy Hurst, AKA Tammy L. Larson, Michael J. Larson, C. Lavonne Lautzenheiser, Pathfinder Services, Inc., United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Bank of America, N.A. and Jefferson Capital Systems LLC

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows:

Lot numbered One (1) in the Plat of Third and Maple Addition to the Town of North Manchester, Indiana, according to the recorded Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8 page 1 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County, Indiana.

Commonly Known as: 306 WEST 3RD STREET, NORTH MANCHESTER, IN 46962
Parcel No. 85-03-32-304-127.000-002

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

* An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication, and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs.

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Township of property location: Chester

Common street address of property: 306 West 3rd Street, North Manchester, IN 46962

Property tax ID: 85-03-32-304-127.000-002

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County is impressive, and we're excited to see the impact it will have for Hoosiers and our state."

Based on the company's job creation plans, the IEDC committed an investment in Hello Nature Specialty Fertilizers of up to \$490,000 in the form of incentive-based tax credits. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired.

"We believe that this new production facility will be a turning point for the North American market," said Hello Nature CEO Luca Bonini. "Today the fertilizer industry undergoes multiple challenges such as rising prices, logistics issues and shortage of inputs, and there is a desperate need for innovative solutions to feed a growing population with less inputs and less land available. Our facility will ensure a regular production of sustainable fertilizers to help North American farmers achieve their yield goals. We are honored to partner with MPS and the Krouse family in this important project."

Boulrisse said the project will also enhance MPS operations in and near Wabash.

"MPS is excited to partner with Hello Nature to bring their expertise to Wabash. After a thorough review of potential sites in two states, we determined Wabash was the most attractive location and allowed us to expand at home," said MPS Egg Farms vice president of operations Dan Krouse. "We couldn't be more thrilled to make this investment and hire more Hoosiers in Wabash County."

Boulrisse said a ground-breaking has been planned for spring, with the facility fully operational by summer 2023.

"We are honored that Hello Nature and MPS Egg



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TOP LEFT: Hello Nature, "a global leader in organic fertilizers, biostimulants and microbials," has partnered with sixth-generation Indiana business MPS Egg Farms to form a joint venture that will make a nearly \$50 million investment in Wabash to construct and operate a specialty fertilizer manufacturing facility. **TOP RIGHT:** The joint venture, Bionutrients, "will combine high-quality raw materials and cutting-edge technologies." **BOTTOM LEFT:** Bionutrients will employ 46 people and construct two facilities totaling nearly 300,000 square feet to be built at 1555 Manchester Ave. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Plus5 Global also announced its intentions to open its first operational processing plant in Wabash County.

Farms have chosen the City of Wabash as the location for their new joint venture, Bionutrients." Wabash Mayor Scott A. Long said. "Wabash County has always been a strong center for agribusiness and manufacturing, and this investment is the perfect marriage of the two, continuing the legacy of innovation in our community."

Plus5Global

Also on Monday, Plus5 Global, announced its intentions to open its first operational processing plant in Wabash County, said Boulrisse.

This eco-tech, upcycling company will bring what CEO Paul Andrade calls a "disruptive yet leading-edge business" to Wabash County to minimize its carbon emission footprint, and those of other companies, "by creating high-value substitutes for traditional carbon and petroleum material that re-

main cost-effective." "We are excited about our new facility located in such a pro-growth atmosphere of the city of Wabash," Andrade said. "The Wabash site brings with it our benchmark process and product applications that will experience continued innovation as we further our site rollout plan."

Plus5 will invest almost \$8.5 million in machinery and equipment and occupy a 43,000 square-foot facility being constructed in the Arc Light Business Park.

"Indiana's vision for long-term sustainability is supported by innovative startup companies like Plus5 Global committed to growing in the Hoosier state," said Lathrop, executive vice president of global investments for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

"The company's energy-efficient technologies, out-of-the-box thinking, and environmentally friendly

solutions will help lead Indiana through an important energy transition while creating quality careers for Hoosiers."

The facility will be used to convert used recyclable rubber materials into industrial products that are in high demand across the country and internationally.

"We welcome Paul and his team at Plus5 Global to Wabash," Wabash Mayor Scott Long, said. "This project is a tremendous win for our community and they will be a valuable member of our established manufacturing community of green tech and upcycling businesses."

This new processing plant will create 76 new jobs in Wabash County, particularly in the areas of skilled machine operation, material handling, sales, and administrative duties. The jobs will pay an average hourly wage of \$25.57 by the year 2024.

Construction on the processing plant is slated to begin in the Spring of 2022 with operations beginning in 2023.

"We are honored that Paul has chosen Wabash County as the location for Plus5 Global's first processing plant," said Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater.

"This project, along with the Bionutrients project that will be constructed adjacent to this project, are a great example of how private industry, local and state governments, and the non-profit sector through Grow Wabash County can work together and result in huge win for all parties."

History of the projects

In November 2021, the Wabash County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) met for the first time since May 2021 and unanimously approved the new Arc Light Business Park Redevelopment Plan.

At the May meeting, attorney Mark Frantz reviewed a

resolution to transfer three and a half lots, amounting to 18.85 acres, in the Arc Light Business Park to the Wabash County Board of Commissioners for the new Wabash County Jail and Sheriff's Office. After the motion was unanimously approved, Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater said a new company had inquired about acquiring the remaining Arc Light Business Park land and adding a rail spur for a potential project in 2022.

At the November 2021 RDC meeting, Gillenwater said a prospect had expressed interest in purchasing the full parcel, but that they had to go through a public bidding process first.

Gillenwater said another redevelopment plan for the area had been approved, but that was in response to another prospect that didn't end up materializing.

According to the resolution, the remaining portion of the land amounts to 39.69 acres and is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Indiana 13 and Highway 24.

Development must be for commercial or industrial use only and must include the construction of one or more facilities with an aggregate amount of at least 200,000 square feet of industrial space, the investment of machinery and equipment of at least \$15 million and the creation of "accessible, quality jobs at the site," according to the offering sheet.

"Developments that augment existing agriculture and manufacturing industries and provide for the development of new technologies are preferred," stated the offering sheet.

Construction must commence no later than six months after the closing and be completed within 18 months.

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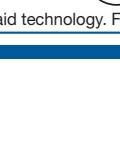
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